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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CONTRADICTORY FIGURES OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news- item captioned "Education HRD Ministry contradicts own figures" appearing in the "Indian Express" of July 7, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the figures of school going children of 6-14 years age group shown in the Annual Report of the Ministry is different from the figure mentioned by a survey team of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons for showing false figures in the Annual report by his Ministry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : There is no contradiction in the figures. Most recent surveys [National Family Health Survey 1992-93 and 1998-99, National Council of Applied Economic Research Survey 1994, National Sample Survey 52nd Round 1995-96] indicate that more than 70% children in the 6-14 age group are attending schools. The National Sample Survey 52nd Round 1995-96 give the Net Enrolment Ratio of 66% at primary level.